

## Charities may not engage in political campaign activities, warns IRS

Charities should be careful that their efforts to educate voters comply with the Internal Revenue Code requirements concerning political campaign activities, the tax agency said in a presidential election-year advisory.

Organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code that are exempt from federal income tax are prohibited from participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Charities, educational institu-

tions and religious organizations, including churches, are among those that are tax-exempt under this code section.

These organizations cannot endorse any candidates, make donations to their campaigns, engage in fund raising, distribute statements, or become involved in any other activities that may be beneficial or detrimental to any candidate. Even activities that encourage people to vote for or against a particular candidate on the basis of non-partisan criteria violate the political campaign prohibition

of section 501(c)(3). If the IRS finds a section 501(c)(3) organization engaged in prohibited campaign activity, the organization could lose its tax-exempt status and it could be subject to an excise tax on the amount of money spent on that activity.

In addition, contributions to organizations that lose their section 501(c)(3) status because of political activities are not deductible by the donors for federal income tax purposes. The IRS issued similar election-year advisories to charities in 1992, 1996 and 2000.



Students at New Brockton Elementary School participated in Field Day in early May. This event is held yearly as a fun day for the students. They are able to participate in a variety of events such as the one captured above.

Don't Forget...  
Father's Day is June 20th

## EOCC offers Youth College "fun" classes again during 2004 summer months

Enterprise-Ozark Community College will host its annual Youth College again this year. The popular program being offered at the Enterprise Campus, Ft. Rucker Site, and the Ozark Aviation Campus. This year's Youth College takes the three sessions in three separate schedules from June into July, for students entering the third through eighth grades.

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original motion not to take interest from any projects or accounts out of the general fund.

He received a second from Westbrook, and the motion passed with a 4-3 vote. Voting in favor were commissioners Stephens, Westbrook, Brooks and Lewis. The opposing votes came from commissioners Dalrymple, Grimsley and Jim Thompson.

Next, the original motion as amended was voted on, and it failed to pass with a 2-5 vote. Only commissioners Stephens and Brooks voted in favor of the amended motion.

Commissioners continued to disagree about the purpose of the \$60,000 for District Four, and Westbrook said the Mount Pleasant building is larger with brick and carpet. She said she has voted for these things every time, commissioner Dalrymple asked for them because he had the additional

funding. Westbrook said there is more than \$67,000 difference in the construction cost for the Mount Pleasant and Ino senior center buildings.

Stephens offered a motion with a second from Westbrook to pay the \$7,803 out of the \$60,000 and let the issue be settled.

"With it (overall cost) being that big a difference, I'll go along with it," Dalrymple said. The motion passed with a unanimous vote from commissioners.

Commissioner Thompson then made a motion that no building projects are done two at a time in the future. His motion died for lack of a second.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Writing, Girls and Guys on Broadway 2004, I'm a Poet and I Know It, Mom-I Blew Up the Science Lab, Splash-Splash and much more.

Registration deadline for the Enterprise Campus Youth College is Noon on June 16.

Third, at the Ft. Rucker Site, the program will run July 12-15 (Monday-Thursday), 8:00-11:15 a.m. A mixture of courses offered at the other two locations will converge on the Ft. Rucker Site.

Registration deadline for the Ft. Rucker Site Youth College is Noon, July 7.

Each course has a \$23 registration fee and is limited to 10-25 students, so an early registration may help ensure placement in the desired courses. Some classes also have additional supply fees that are listed with the course descriptions available in the 2004 Summer Class Schedule available at each location.

For more information, call 334-347-2618, ext. 2234 or visit the website at [www.eocc.edu](http://www.eocc.edu).

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# The Elba Clipper

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## Funeral services for Alberta Stewart Martin draw national attention

After several days of mourning, Alberta Stewart Martin reached her final resting place Saturday, June 12, in the Curtis community of Coffee County.

Martin's death on May 31, 2004 received national attention with her being recognized as the last living widow of a Civil War soldier. She was 97.

Alberta married William Jasper Martin, a Confederate

veteran, on Dec. 12, 1927. She was 21, and he was 81.

It wasn't until the 1990s that Martin was recognized as the last living Confederate veteran widow, and she became the last living Civil War veteran widow in Jan. 2003 following the death of Gertrude Janeway, a Union

Services for Mrs. Martin began Thursday, June 10, at the

First White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery as she laid in state for five days.

On Saturday, June 12, funeral services were held at the First Assembly of God Church in Elba.

Graveside services and burial were held at the New Ebenezer Church in the Curtis Community. This service was delivered with full Confederate honors including an 1860s-style heretage march.

Martin's casket was carried to the grave site by a horse-drawn caisson. She was followed by hundreds of marchers dressed in appropriate attire.

As onlookers watched the solemn ceremony, many said they came out because they wanted to be a part of history.

Mrs. Martin was a longtime resident of Elba before becoming a resident of the Enterprise Nursing Home a couple of years ago. Her son William Oren Martin still resides in Elba.



The casket of Alberta Stewart Martin, the last widow of a Confederate veteran, was carried by a horse-drawn caisson to the cemetery of New Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Curtis community of Coffee County last Saturday afternoon, June 12, during an 1860s-style Confederate heretage funeral march. People from across the nation came to Elba for Martin's funeral services. She was regarded as a last link to a very distinct part of America's history. Additional scenes from the heretage march and service can be found on Page 6B in this edition of The Elba Clipper.

## Coffee County Commission hears good news regarding roads

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission received good news Monday, June 14, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission when chairman Robert Stephens read a letter from the state Department of Transportation.

Stephens said the letter announced that Coffee County received the second highest grade in the State of Alabama from the 2004 inspection of county paved roads. This marked two years in a row for the honor.

Coffee County's grade was 92, second only to Houston County.

With this announcement, Coffee County also became the second county ever to be able to use a 4-cent gas tax for new construction on roads.

Houston County became eligible in 2002.

During Monday's meeting, commissioners also heard a presentation from the Coffee County Strategic Plan Review and Evaluation committee.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley said the committee began meeting in Sept. 2003 to review and evaluate the county's original strategic plan, and the purpose was to give citizens a better quality of life by setting goals for the entire county.

Committee chairman Stan

Windham thanked the commission for its efforts with this plan and said it is far more important that most people might realize.

"It's very easy for a commission to do a plan and put it on the shelf," Windham said. "I want to compliment you. I don't know the words to tell you how important it is what you've done."

The overall plan involves several specific parts, and the committee updated commissioners Monday on the agribusiness and agriculture section, as well as technology and communications, quality of life and education.

In regards to agribusiness and agriculture, the committee looked heavily at establishing access for everyone.

One thing the committee suggested was a county web page that would allow the ability to get records and fill out paperwork online.

With Coffee County's diverse population, the committee members said quality of life is a hard proposition to figure, however, they feel the county does have a very high quality of life.

In this presentation, the committee asked the commission to "support the strategic plan by getting all the people within the county involved."

Dan Presley presented the education portion of the plan, and he said, "education is the backbone of any success we have with the strategic plan."

Presley said education in Coffee County is in great shape, but the school systems need the support of parents and community to remain successful.

He said the systems that seem to work best have a high parental involvement. Windham said the committee will present additional sections of the strategic plan at the next commission meeting.

Commissioners joined local municipalities Monday by approving and signing a proclamation declaring Patriotism Month. In doing so, the commission encourages all Coffee County citizens, to fly the American flag beginning Monday, June 14, through Sunday, July 4.

County resident Gigi Lasseter addressed commissioners regarding a problem on County Road 636.

Lasseter said too much water runs in the ditch next to her dad's property, and he is losing property as a result. "I'm just asking for help," she said. "I want some pipes put in, and I want my property put back."

With this being an ongoing problem, commissioner Doug Dalrymple asked his fellow commissioners to go out and look at the road. He said he would then make the necessary recommendations to help Lasseter based on what the commission body decides.

"I've done all I can possibly do without changing the commission's policy," Dalrymple said.

Commissioners agreed to go out and look at the problem.

Many Civil War groups and reenactors took part in the heretage march and graveside services for Alberta Martin last Saturday including this soldier dressed in uniform. He is shown riding his horse in salute to Mrs. Martin as she reaches her final resting place.

## After signing a joint proclamation

Elba City Council encourages citizens to show patriotism by flying flags

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday evening was routine with paying bills, making one board appointment and modifying a previous resolution being supplemented by a couple of routine reports.

A letter from Elba Public Library Board Chairman Jimmy Harrison reported that Mrs. Nancy Morrow, whose term on the library board has expired, has elected to rotate off the Library Board.

According to Harrison's letter, the board recommended the appointment of Mr. A. W. (Buddy) Shively to the vacant spot. These are four year appointments.

The council was unanimous in naming Shively to the library board.

Monthly bills totaling \$93,511.37 were approved for payment. This included sales tax transfers to the Elba School system (\$12,379.54), garbage pick-up fees (\$14,408.14) to Waste Management, engineering fees (\$9,000), landfill charges (\$6,159.79), down to a \$3.07 payment to Independent

Gov. Bob Riley has awarded a \$39,970 grant to improve employee skills, increase productivity and aid in the expansion of a Coffee County food processing plant.

Sixty-five employees at Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc. will receive training in a number of areas designed to enable the Elba company to boost efficiency, expand its market and enhance growth.

Kelley Foods is a family-owned meat and food processing plant and distribution company that has been in business since 1957. The company produces cured and fresh meats and more than two dozen other types of foods for markets in southern Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and the Florida Panhandle. Upgrading employee skills will assist Kelley with its plan to enlarge its plant and expand production.

"I am pleased to support training that provides Alabama workers with enhanced skills that will benefit them, their company and their community," Riley said.

The training will increase opportunities for the company to promote employees, increase

Health Services and \$2.08 to EDCSO Fasteners, Inc.

The council also accepted the recommendation of Mayor James Grimes and amended the scope of the Downtown Development CDBG Grant program to include all of Elba. It had originally been written to cover just the area around the downtown square.

Grimes informed council members that he had joined with the Coffee County Commission and other county mayors in signing a proclamation to fly the American flag from Flag Day, June 14, through Independence Day, July 4, 2004.

Clerk Wayne Grantham asked council members to explain to the citizens that they still need to exercise patience with the trash pick-up system. The city has added a flatbed truck to the trash route, but they are still way behind. Mosquito spraying will start this week after the heavy daily raining passes.

Grantham also said the resurfacing of streets damaged during the levee work is continuing.

Economic and Community Affairs, notified Erik Ennis, human resources manager at Kelley Foods, that the grant had been approved. ADECA is administering the grant.

Riley awarded the grant from funds made available to the state through a program of the U.S. Department of Labor.

John Harrison, director of the Alabama Department of

## Area Happenings

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY will host a Summer Reading Program every Thursday during the month of July at 10 a.m.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL announces that report cards can be picked up at the high school office Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. The school also announces that remediation begins next week for upcoming seniors who need to pass parts of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. Call Elba High School (897-2266) for more information. Please see the remediation schedule on Page 2 for additional information.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS reminds voters that Friday, June 18 is the last day to make any changes in voting status before the June 29th run-off election. After June 18, no changes can be made in the voting list until June 30. If voters have any questions about their voting place, they should call the Board of Registrars at 894-5347 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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John's Kerry

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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN COMES TO ELBA?...Chances are some Elba residents may have noticed one of presidential candidate John Kerry's buses in town last week. However, the candidate himself was not inside. Instead, the bus was in town being decalged by the folks at Williams Signs. The campaign officials wanted specific decals on this leased bus for an upcoming campaign tour, so the bus owner brought it to Elba for the work. It might be interesting to note that this particular decal structure will only be used for a few weeks before it is changed for a new look. Although it is uncommon to see a bus for a presidential candidate in Elba, last week's visit was not a first. Williams Signs has done decal work for several other candidates in the past. Last week, the employees decalged two for the Kerry campaign.

## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

We talked today (Tuesday) with a seasoned American veteran of the wars in the Middle East. Apparently there are some concerns among these troops who are in the trenches daily over things that are happening in Iraq. While they still openly support America and President George W. Bush, there are some who are questioning the fact that there is still no evidence of the weapons of mass destruction anywhere in that country. These guys (and gals) are putting their lives on the line - every day - for this country and have a right to know the truth. We hope they get it, and soon!

Last week we heard a couple of folks expressing quiet concerns that there might be some violence during the weekend funeral services for Mrs. Alberta Martin, the last surviving widow of a Civil War veteran. Of course there was not, which is a credit to those who were here from around the nation for the services and also our local citizens who either participated in the services or went about minding their own business in a normal, everyday fashion. To all we say thanks for showing real class! This is the American way . . . like mama taught us.

Heddy and I helped celebrate a four year grandchild's birthday Sunday afternoon. It is hard to realize she is already four. But rest assured, it was something neither of us would want to miss. We would have moved heaven and earth to be there Sunday afternoon. Now the attention has turned to making room for her little brother's 1st birthday party in August. You can already see the normal differences in the two . . . something that is always amazing. How different children with the exact same parents in exactly the same environment are so different . . . from the beginning. A prime example with these two is their eating habits. Four year old Sarah has always been a picky eater. Her little brother will already eat anything he can get in his mouth and usually wants more, especially if he sees someone else eating it. Ain't life grand!!

Everyone has bad days - at home, at play or at work. Today is a bad day at our office. It seems that if something can go wrong, it has (or is). Most of it this week has to do with computers, those @#\$%& things society has become so glued to that now they are a necessary part of life. Ads don't come in over the internet as they should; ads come in over the internet and are the wrong size; customer changes mind and wants us to wait for another ad over the internet; can't read ad that came over internet; can't get printer to read pages, the list goes on and on and our eyes become more strained. A publisher friend called and was having problems with some new software he had just purchased. Heck, that wasn't a problem at all compared to what Elba Clipper folks were experiencing. The advice given him was to put that new stuff aside until our paper was completed and he would get some free on-site consulting work, but please let us get over our mountains first!

ELBA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION announces the following vacancies as listed for the 2004-2005 school year. Applications will be accepted beginning June 8, 2004 - June 26, 2004 at the board office.

Family & Consumer Science Teacher  
Social Studies Teacher  
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Spanish Teacher  
Special Education Teacher - Elementary  
Elementary Education Teacher  
Aides (Instructional and Support)  
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Child Nutrition Program Workers

Inquiries should be made to Valerie Moore at:

Elba City Schools  
131 Tiger Drive  
Elba, Alabama 36323  
(334)897-2801

Applications are available by contacting Elba City Board of Education at the above address or you may obtain an application online at [www.elbaed.com](http://www.elbaed.com)

Direction for an application online:

- Go to [www.elbaed.com](http://www.elbaed.com)
- At the very top right of the page find the link called "Application for Teaching Position" and click on it.
- The application form will open up in Adobe Reader and information can be entered into the form. When the form is completed it can be printed and mailed in with supporting documentation.
- If you do not have the Adobe Reader software you can get it free of charge from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).

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## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$19 per year  
6 Months - \$10, including city & state tax  
Alabama Counties - \$21 per year - including tax  
6 months - \$11  
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Elba High School's AHSGE  
Summer Remediation Schedule

The Alabama High School Graduation Exam remediation schedule for all subject area tests will be held on the following dates:

June 21-23 • 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
June 28-30 • 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
July 12-14 • 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

\*\*In addition to the above remediation sessions, approximately two hours of review will be conducted the night before each of the five subtests are administered.

The test schedule for the Summer Administration of the AHSGE will be as follows beginning promptly at 8 a.m.:

Monday, July 19 • Social Studies  
Tuesday, July 20 • Science  
Wednesday, July 21 • Math  
Thursday, July 22 • Reading  
Friday, July 23 • Language

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 7, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one lost property, three for harassment, two for reckless endangerment, two for harassing communications, one for domestic violence, one for assault and one criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a revoked driver's license, one for speeding, one for no proof of insurance, one for no driver's license, three for speeding and one for loud music.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
MONDAY, JUNE 7 - River stage - 7.18 feet (6:14 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at the end of Cedar Lane Dr. (6:15 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Evergreen Cemetery (11:41 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 - River stage - 6.59 feet (6:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1209 Farris Ave. (8:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 823 Roosevelt Dr. (8:43 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 820 Roosevelt Dr. (4:13 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 - Prowler reported at 850 Cedar Lane Dr. (3:13 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 84 E. (5:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6886 County Rd. 306 (10:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1591 Caroline St. (2:21 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at Big Little West (4:33 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a

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- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-Fri. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 7 p.m. City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5855
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
- NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.



State Rep. Terry Spicer, right, and Fred Braswell, president of the Alabama Rural Electric Association

Terry Spicer named #1 in state  
by electric co-op association

Alabama state Representative Terry Spicer has been named State Representative of the Year by Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperative (AREA).

The award was presented to Spicer April 7 during the association's 57th annual meeting in Montgomery.

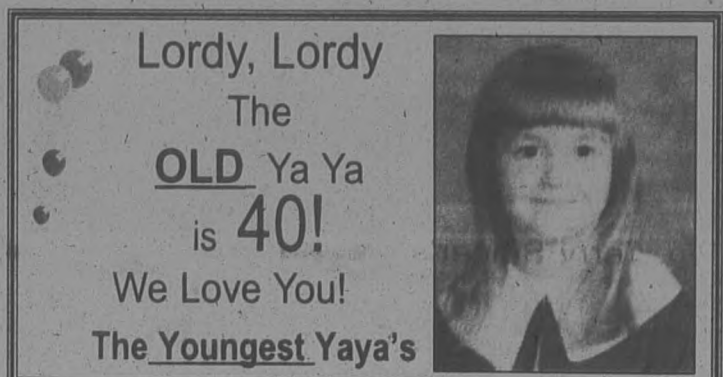
"Rep. Spicer is indeed a worthy recipient of this award," said

Fred Braswell, AREA president. "The AREA Board of Directors selected him based on his dedication to Alabama residents and his many years of leadership in the Legislature as well as his support of rural economic development. Rep. Spicer has always been a champion of Alabama's electric cooperatives."

## Summer class in Spanish is offered at EOCC

Conversational Spanish #2, offered this July and August at Enterprise-Ozark Community College, is designed for students who have some knowledge of using the Spanish language. Students will be able to improve their Spanish language usage in order to communicate better when visiting Spanish-speaking countries or when speaking with

Hispanic co-workers. Completion of Conversational Spanish #1 is suggested but not required. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is June 22. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 20-August 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information, call 334-347-2623, ext. 2234.



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Saturday, June 26, 2004  
9 a.m.

Brundidge Business Association's Annual  
Independence Day Parade

10:30 a.m.  
Introduction of Queens from the City's going to the  
Peanut Festival in Dothan in the Fall and a Military Salute  
on the grounds of City Hall at the Ryals Pavilion

12:30 p.m.

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## Obituaries

## GLADYS E. SMART

Mrs. Gladys E. Smart, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died June 8, 2004 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held June 11, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating.

Mrs. Smart was preceded in death by her parents Savannah Shiver Berry and Mack Berry, along with a husband Marlin Smart, and a son Rufus Money.

Survivors include one son, V.R. Money, and two daughters Joyce Johnson and Joann Weeks, all of Elba, 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

## JAMES E. REEVES

Mr. James E. Reeves, age 82, died June 2, 2004 after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Friday, June 3, 2004 at Forest Oaks with burial at Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

Mr. Reeves was preceded in death by his daughter, Rhonda Reeves, and his twin sons, Jimmy Reeves and Johnny Reeves.

Survivors include his wife: Rena J. Reeves, one daughter: Pat (Tony) Clayton, three sisters: Lorene Roberson, Brundidge, Ala., Jean Scarbrough, Elba, Ala., Maxine Bowdoin, Lumberton, N.C., two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## DELIA MERLE BARR

Mrs. Delia Merle Barr Baker of Troy, age 82, died June 13, 2004 at her residence.

Services were held June 15, 2004 at Jack Assembly hall of Church of Jack, Ala. with Rev. Bobby Bundy, Ashley Faulk, and eulogy by Rhonda Cae. Burial followed at Hebron Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry Baker in 1977, son, Perry Edward, daughters, Helen Fay Baker and Hilda Kay Baker.

Survivors include one son:

Murry Olon (Christine) Baker; two daughters: Linda Baker (James) Sheets, and Merlene Baker (Bobby) Flowers; one sister: Mary Napper; one sister-in-law: Eloise Barr; two brothers-in-law: Vernon Napper and Douglas Green; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

## DAVID CARLTON PYNES

Sr.

Mr. David Carlton Pynes, Sr., age 46, of Brantley, Ala., died June 9, 2004 in Springdale, AR. Funeral services were held June 13, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Rev. Wayne Webber officiating. Burial followed in Weed Baptist Church Cemetery, Brantley, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons: David Carlton Pynes, Jr., Brantley, and Donnie Pynes, Montgomery; two daughters: Dana Pynes, Enterprise, Leeanna Winters, New Brockton; a brother: Tony Pynes, Brantley; a sister: Tammy Donaldson, Brantley; his mother, Mac Leen Pynes, Brantley; his father: James Carlton Pynes, Brantley; and two grandchildren.

## DONALD RAY BRUNSON

Mr. Donald (Don) Ray Brunson, age 68, of Pensacola, Fla., died suddenly Wednesday, June 9, 2004. He was born September 15, 1935 in Elba, Alabama.

He graduated with a degree in physical education from Troy State University, where he played football for four years. He received his Master's degree in physical education from the University of Alabama and attended the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

Don was employed with the Escambia County School System for over 38 years. Graveside services were held June 12, 2004 at Bayview Memorial Park with Reverend Christine Cook officiating. Bayview Fisher-Pou Chapel

Rep. Terry Spicer's legislative experience made a difference

The Part-time Teacher bill, H.B. 544, sponsored by Rep. Terry Spicer, also strongly supported by Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, passed through the House of Representatives and now has been sent to the Senate. This bill would help School Superintendents meet the needs of the students they serve by allowing a school system to hire part-time teachers for part-time pay. For example, if a school only needs a foreign language teacher for three classes a day, the school board will be able to contract with a teacher for the part-time job. The legislative experience and leadership shown by Rep. Terry Spicer as he worked out compromises among the different education groups, Alabama Education Association (AEA), Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB), and Alabama Association of School Administrators (AASA), was instrumental in getting the bill passed in the House.

Superintendents in the Wiregrass area, Ronnie Driver, Superintendent for Covington County, and Pete Kelly, Superintendent for Andalusia, also helped in moving this bill forward.



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was in charge of arrangements. The family requested memorial contributions be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, 4400 Bayou Boulevard, Suite 49 A, Pensacola, Florida 32503. Survivors include his wife, Betty Brunson; son, Donald Terry (Kiyomi) Brunson; two grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

## JAMES JUNIOR MULLINS

Mr. James Junior Mullins, age 71, of Brantley, Ala., died June 14, 2004 at his residence in Brantley.

Funeral services will be held at Weed Baptist Church on Thursday (today) morning, June 17, 2004 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will immediately follow in the Weed Baptist Church Cemetery in Brantley with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Weed Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife: Mildred Frances Mullins, Talladega, Ala.; one son: James Clifford Mullins, Talladega; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and cards. They meant so much in our time of sorrow. A special thank you to the First Baptist Church and two special friends for your help.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Hello Everyone!

My name is SSGT Leonard W. Grantham (Billy) stationed here in Iraq. My wife (Kathy) recently requested the assistance of our community for donations of school supplies for the children here in Iraq. I am writing to THANK YOU for your support.

Above is a picture taken at the site of one of those schools here in Iraq.

I would like to send out a special thanks to the Elba Clipper and WZLZ both of Elba, KMX of Enterprise, and the Southern Star of Ozark for publicizing ad's to assist with this mission. I would also like to send a special thanks to Elba High School for all of its donations for the students, Boswell Insurance of Elba for supporting my wife's efforts, Ray Kennington of Ozark for use of his office as a drop off point, Chad Kim Webb, Matt, and Emily Riechburg of Troy for their large donation and inspiring letter, Carol S. Sanders of Troy for her donation of cash, Mrs. Hanni of Elba for her contribution in supplies and cash, Mrs. Linda Smith of Elba, and my sisters, Teresa of Arizona, and Annisa of Texas for all of their hard work and donations that they have collected from their state.

Lastly I would like to thank my wife Kathy of Elba, my mom Judy, and my other sister, Karen of Ozark for their hard work and dedication to this project and me. There are several donations that were made anonymously. I would like to thank each one of you, you know who you are. If I

have forgotten someone, please excuse me, as communication between here and home can be hard.

Again THANKS to EVERYONE involved in making a difference in the world. You will greatly be rewarded in the future and may God Bless every one of you.

SSGT Leonard W. Grantham  
Hoopeston, IL

have been made available to more sacred united couples. It's a lot about money and power, with little thought about the consequences of civil actions.

This trend makes me wonder if loved ones of the GOP may eventually desire an untraditional wedding.

Vera Maddox-Crozier  
Hoopeston, IL

## Dear Editor:

I am not a member of the GOP, but I support traditional marriage...the union of one man and one woman only.

It is sad to think that same-sex partners probably just want equal work-related benefits plus the benefits of the tax cuts that

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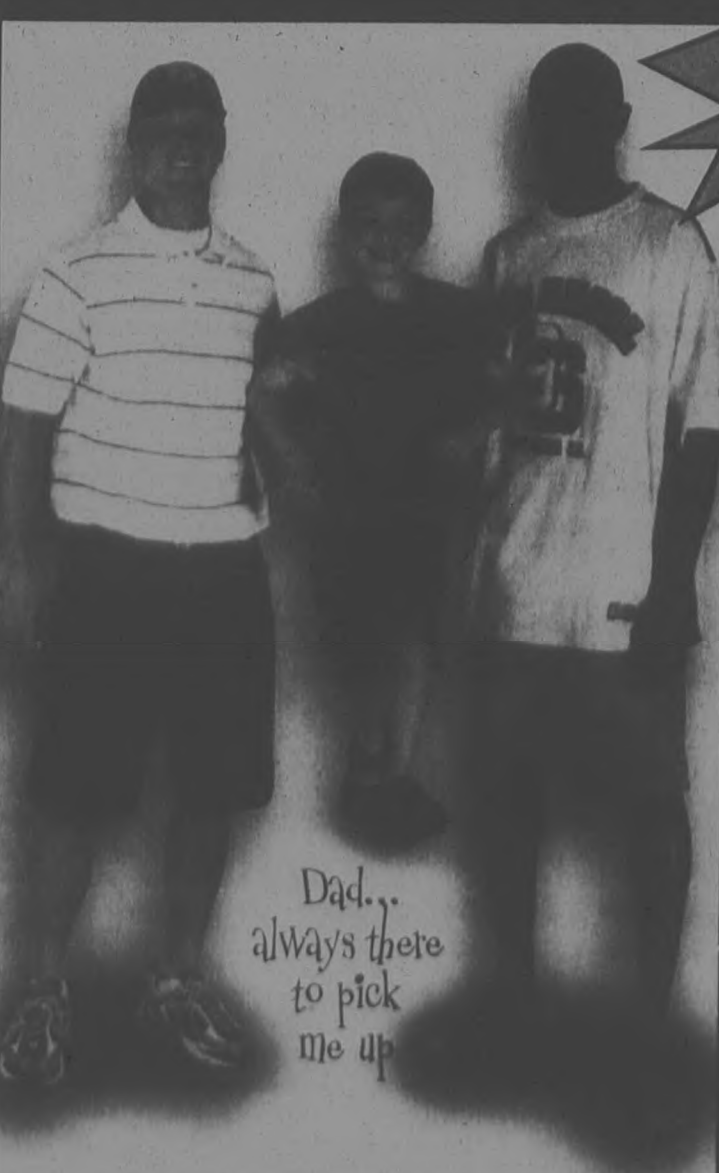
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## University of Montevallo holds spring commencement recently

More than 310 University of Montevallo students received their diplomas at spring commencement May 8.

U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., was the commencement speaker. Following the address, Dr. Robert M. McChesney, UM president, conferred degrees upon some 228 candidates for bachelor's degrees, 57 candidates for master's degrees and 26 candidates for the educational specialist degree.

After students received their diplomas, David Palmer, president of the National Alumni Association, inducted graduates into the 21,000-member organization.

Shanna Tillis, of Elba, was among the new graduates.

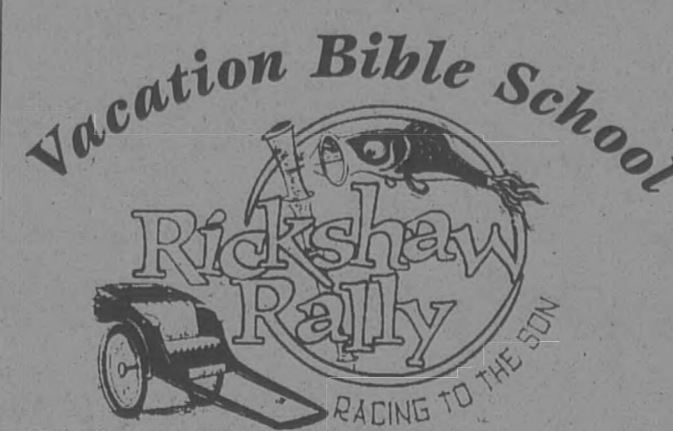
## Huntingdon releases list of 2004 area graduates

One hundred two students in the Huntingdon College Class of 2004 and many happy relatives and friends gathered to celebrate Commencement on the Green at Huntingdon College on May 15.

The first two students in Huntingdon's Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Completion Program graduated with this class: Summer Smith, of Daleville, and Melba J. Hollinghead, of Elba, completed their degrees on the campus of Enterprise/Ozark Community College. The Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Completion Program is also offered in Montgomery and Birmingham.

### REMEMBER FATHER

Sunday - June 20th



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Reanna Anderson, Thomas Hooks, Bobby Hudson, Guacie Hudson, James Martin III, Ladon Rhoades, Yokesha Terry

**9TH GRADE**  
Brianna Bailey, Chase William Boutwell, Sydney Brunson, Christina Bryant, Mary Catherine Cash, Emily Driggers, Adam Henderson, Lauren McClung, Connie Moore, Melanie Mularz, Whitney Sasser

**10TH GRADE**  
Whitney Anderson, Chase Edward Boutwell, Stephanie Corder, Brittany Hudson, Kayla Kelley, Hunter McGuire, Casey Medlock, Judson Vaughan, Ashleigh Waddail, Elizabeth Weeks, Rashiawnda Whitfield, Shawanna Wright

**11TH GRADE**  
Mallory Allen, Stuart Bane, Rebecca English, Anna Harrison, Heather Knight, Jessica Merklin, Justin Williams

**12TH GRADE**  
John Allen, Anna Anderson, Natasha Brooks, Ella Brunson, Colby Capps, Lacy Carille, Kayona Carpenter, Meredith English, Christy Eubanks, Kaci Grantham, Mary Katherine

Honorees include Kristie M. Crowell, Elba.

Wallace Community College President Dr. Linda C. Young recently announced the spring semester President's List. One hundred thirty-one students were named to the honor.

Requirements for the President's List include full-time student status and a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Honorees by hometown include Elender N. Dewberry, Paula E. Walden, Elba.

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Robert Allen, Whitney Bailey, Brian Blair, Stefaun Burks, Ciara Burrows, Eric Butts, Wesley Calhoun, Mericka Crawford, Jonathan Dean, James Hay, Derrick Jackson, Jacob Johnson, Timothy Johnson, Whitley Kilcrease, Kelecia Magwood, Ryan McCollough, Nicholas Nelson.

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**A-B Honor Roll**  
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Meagan Anderson, Matthew Brunson, Ashley Carpenter, Matthew Gibson, Justin Hammonds, Daniel Harrelson, Sabrina Hathcock, Tiffany Johnson, Dancesha Jordan, Martin McCormick, Ben McInvalle, Jesse Oglesby, Tatiana Parker, Brittany Phillips, April Price, Tina Reed, Kandace Smith, Tierney Starks, Tyler White, Renanda Williams

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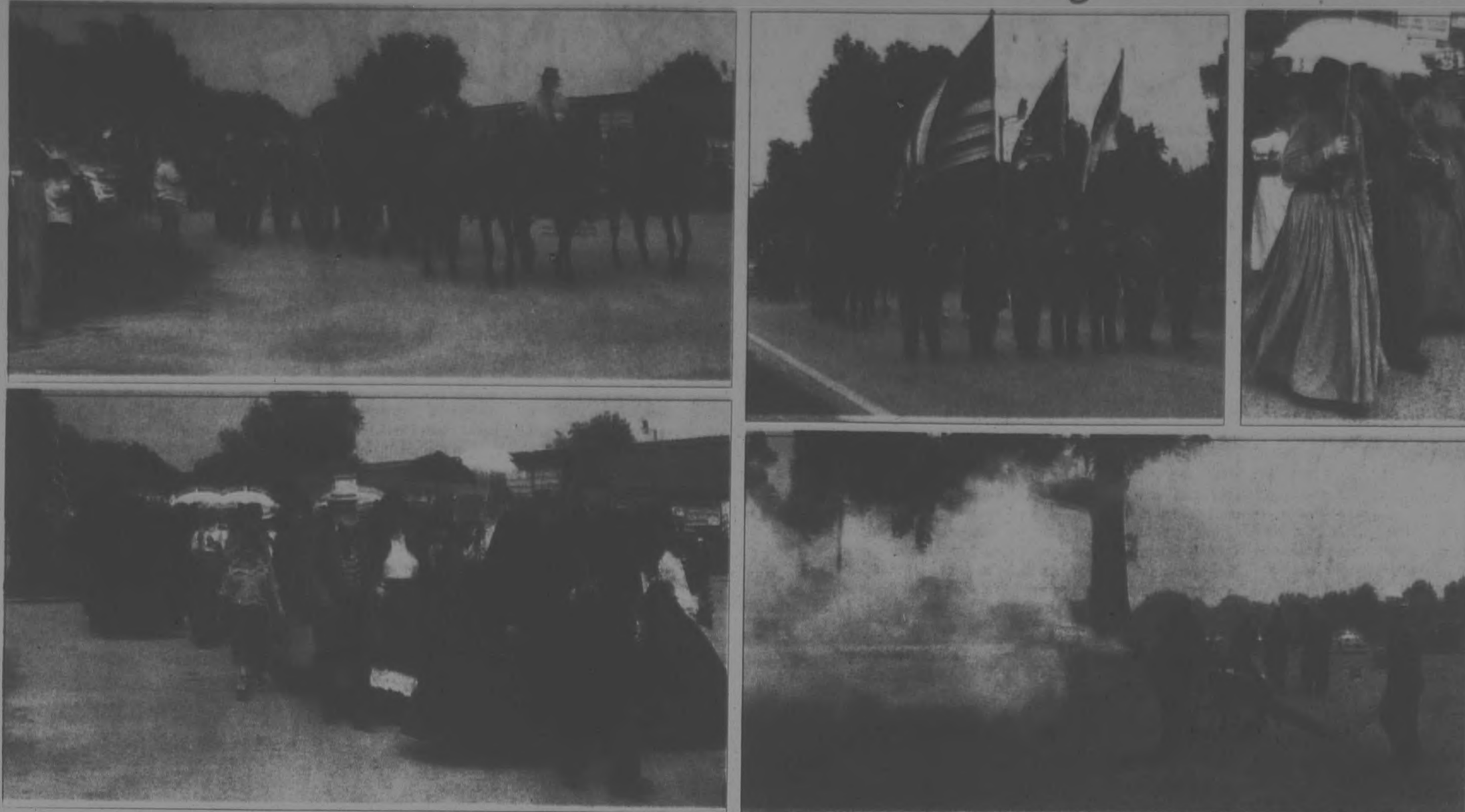
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## Additional Scenes from the Alberta Stewart Martin graveside service...



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## Hundreds participate in ceremony

Services for Mrs. Alberta Stewart Martin last Saturday afternoon, June 12, included an 1860s-style heritage graveside service at New Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Curtis community near Elba.

A Confederate reenactment march was held prior to the service as Mrs. Martin's body was carried to its final resting spot by a horse-drawn caisson.

The photos on this page capture some of the scenes from the march along with the hundreds of people that participated.

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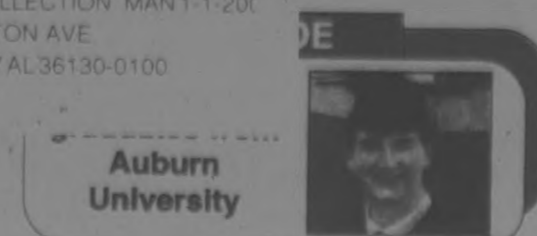
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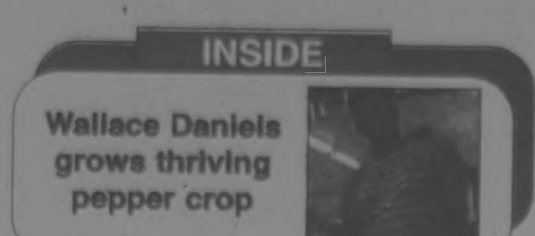
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## Con. Terry Everett announces federal approval of loan and grant for Coffee County Water Authority

The Coffee County Water Authority has received Federal approval of its request for \$3,685,000 in loan and grant funds to upgrade and expand its water system to serve 400 new customers.

Congressman Terry Everett, R-Rehobeth, announced last week.

"I'm pleased to confirm the approval of a \$2,054,000 loan and \$1,631,000 grant for the Coffee County Water Authority of New Brockton," Everett said.

"This funding which comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency will enable the Coffee County Water Authority to proceed with Phase II of its ongoing system expansion."

"Phase II consists of the installation of 108 miles of water mains, a storage tank, and a well which will help bring service to 400 new customers," Everett noted.

"I wish to congratulate Water Authority Chairman Austin Mixon and his staff for their hard work in securing this significant funding to better the lives of hundreds of local residents."

"The USDA's Rural Development Agency is one of the most visible sources of Federal funding for local infrastructure improvements and economic development and I salute their attention to the needs of Coffee County's rural water customers," Everett observed.

The \$2,054,000 loan is for 40 years at 4.375 percent interest.

## New Brockton Town Council discusses trash pick-up

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council discussed trash pick-up Monday evening, June 14, during its regular monthly meeting.

Mayor Charles Cole said there have been a lot of complaints about trash not being picked up, and one of the reasons is that residents are not separating it properly.

Cole said there are two different types of trash for pickup: 1) leaves and limbs and 2) landfill. He said these two types must be separated because the trash is carried to two separate locations. He added that landfill trash is only picked up on Wednesday.

According to the mayor, trash not properly separated will not be picked up.

Cole also thanked the county for cutting limbs along the roadways; however, he said this had increased the workload for the street department in regards to picking up trash. Therefore, he said he felt the council should consider hiring some part-time help to get the town cleaned up.

No action was taken by the council, but council member Vicky Harrison said she would like to ask everyone in town to pitch in and help.

Council members reluctantly approved a motion to approve a resolution for change to the downtown sidewalk grant.

Cole said the grant originally included work at the senior center and the sidewalks, but in the mean time, the town has done the work at the senior center. Therefore, he said the resolution changes the scope of the grant to only involve the sidewalks.

Council members discussed costs for the city regarding this grant, and town clerk Annette Williams said the town will have to pay an engineering fee ranging between \$6-8,000, as well as the match portion of the grant at approximately \$12,000.

Williams said the town already has the money to cover

the engineering fee, but funds still need to be acquired to cover the match portion.

"We're still being told there are people that will support the project," Cole said. "We just need to approve it (resolution). The money will come."

Council member Jody Stuckey said he was not completely for approving the resolution because of the town's financial condition; however, he said he would go along with the majority.

Council member Ron McMonagle also expressed concern, especially since the council had just received an audit report revealing the town had increased its debt over the past four years while operating at a loss.

The motion passed with council members Stuckey, Harrison, Johnnie Herron and Mayor Cole voting in favor. McMonagle abstained from the vote.

The council approved a proclamation for Flag Day which asked all citizens to fly the American flag from June 14

until July 4 giving special tribute to those who have and those who are actively serving in the military.

The New Brockton Town Hall will be closed July 5 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Any emergencies should be reported to the New Brockton Police Department.

The next meeting of the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at New Brockton Town Hall.

## Dorsey Trailer Company cited for violations of air pollution control regulations by ADEM

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) recently issued an administrative order against Dorsey Trailer Company, which operates a facility located at 1315 Hickman Street in Elba, Ala.

The administrative order was issued June 11, 2004, and assessed a civil penalty of \$50,000 against the facility.

Dorsey Trailer Company violated applicable environmental laws and regulations by failing to have a copy of the facility's Air Permit readily available for inspection, failure to keep emissions records required by the permit, failure to submit records requested by the Department, failure to respond to a Notice Of Violation, failure to submit an

annual air emissions estimate, failure to pay annual emissions fees, and failure to submit an annual Title V Compliance Certification.

In addition to the civil penalty, the facility will be required to pay all outstanding emissions fees and will be required to operate the facility in compliance with ADEM regulations and all applicable Air Permits issued to it by the Department.

ADEM assesses administrative penalties based on six penalty factors, including the seriousness of the violation, the standard of care shown by the company, any economic benefit obtained by delayed compliance, any preventive efforts, the compliance history and the ability to pay a penalty.



**LOCAL YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER PROGRAM.**—The South Central Mental Health Prevention Services joined forces with local law enforcement last week to present a three week summer program for youngsters from the Elba Housing Authority. The program is being held at the Elba Recreation Center and is designed to teach local youth about drug education, self esteem, etc. while also offering various fun activities for them to participate with during their summer vacation. Assisting with the program were D.A.R.E. officers Michael Addison, Elba Police Department, and Kent Reynolds, Coffee County Sheriff's Department. The summer program will continue through next week.



**CLOSE CALL.**—Emergency personnel responded to an accident on Highway 84 West at the Coffee County Stockyard Friday afternoon, June 18, after a vehicle crossed the roadway and tipped over. According to reports, the accident occurred at approximately 12:48 p.m. Friday afternoon when a 1996 Buick Park Avenue driven by Gladys P. Hudson, age 81, of Elba, crossed Hwy. 84 at a high rate of speed. Hudson was attempting to exit a private property driveway when she apparently applied the accelerator instead of the brake. While crossing the road, Hudson's car struck a 2001 Chevrolet truck driven by Christopher James Thomas, age 32, of Coffee Springs, Ala. Hudson's vehicle finally came to a stop when it tipped over onto the passenger side of the vehicle next to the stockyard building. The Elba Fire Department was dispatched to the scene to help free Hudson from the vehicle, however, police officers were able to extract her before the firefighters arrived. Also responding to the scene was a unit from Coffee County EMS, but Hudson did not require transport to the hospital. The accident was investigated by Elba Police officers Dalton Francis and John Nelson.

## Stan Windham leads Coffee County extension office as new coordinator

by Linda Hodge, Editor

January 1st signified more than just the beginning of a new year for Coffee County Extension agent Stan Windham. It also signified the beginning of a new office role for him.

On Jan. 1, 2004 Windham became the interim coordinator for the local extension office following the retirement of Sandra Coffey. He continued this role until early May when he officially was recognized as the coordinator of the Coffee County Cooperative Extension office.

A 21-year veteran with the extension service, Windham said he is honored to be the coordinator of the Coffee County office, and he looks forward to continued growth for the county as a whole.

According to Windham, his main role in the past has been to work in the livestock and forage areas including 4-H livestock. As coordinator, he will continue

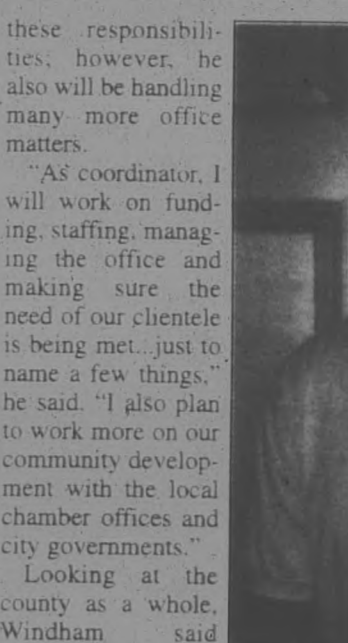
these responsibilities; however, he also will be handling many more office matters.

"As coordinator, I will work on funding, staffing, managing the office and making sure the need of our clientele is being met, just to name a few things," he said. "I also plan to work more on our community development with the local chamber offices and city governments."

Looking at the county as a whole, Windham said Coffee County produces about \$160 million dollars in agriculture products each year, including about \$80 million in poultry, over \$20 million in crops, over \$20 million in livestock and with both vegetables and forestry seeing increases over the past few years.

"A lot of our agriculture is around the Elba area," Windham said. "I'm real proud of all our farmers in the county. The men and women in this area have risen to the occasion to stay profitable."

In Elba alone, Windham said he has been real proud of what the city has done with everyone working together to bring more opportunities to the citizens. He said through the years Elba has



Stan Windham, coordinator  
Coffee County Extension Service

lost some things, but the people kept going.

"The mayor, chamber, business people and citizens have worked hard to bring more things to Elba," said Windham.

"Two prime examples are the new Toledo Molding and Die plant and the new diagnostic lab."

He said a lot of people worked real hard to get the diagnostic lab project going, and it is going to be a state-of-the-art facility that can mean thousands of dollars for the livestock industry.

For the poultry industry alone, he said the diagnostic lab will be a huge reward that will benefit the entire Wiregrass area. Windham also said he applauds the people of Elba for not only wanting the lab but for wanting the best lab.

"There are a lot of good things going on in Coffee County, and the town of Elba contributes greatly to the quality of life for this county," he said. "I only hope our office continues to meet the needs of the people so we all can continue to prosper."

Windham and his staff can be reached at the Coffee County Cooperative Extension Service office at 894-5596. The office is located at the county complex next to the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY** will host a Summer Reading Program every Thursday during the month of July at 10 a.m.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

**THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL** will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, June 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Elba City Hall.

**THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION** will hold its monthly meeting on the 8th of July 2004 at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077 or Charles Tester at 334-306-2724.